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SUBJECT: FY 78 POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW
(PARM) - COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S GUIDANCE

1. WE PERCEIVE LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PREVAILING ASSESSMENT
OF LAST YEAR THAT THE U.S. HAS ONLY LIMITED OVERALL INTER-
ESTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, MADE A SPECIAL
EFFORT OVER THE PAST YEAR TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON CENTRAL
AMERICA AS A SUB-REGION AND ARTICULATE THOSE INTERESTS WE
DO HAVE IN A MORE COHERENT FORM. WE HOPE THAT THE
VARIOUS INPUTS A'D INTERCHANGES GENERATED
WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU AS THE CURRENT
PARM CYCLE DEVELOPS. IN OUR VIEW, FORMULATIONS OF SPECIFIC
PRIORITIES SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
FRAMEWORK FOR CENTRAL AMERICA.

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2. LONG TERM STRATEGIC CONCERNS IN COSTA RICA REMAIN CON-
STANT, I.E. HOW CAN WE MAXIMIZE AND MOST EFFECTIVELY UTIL-
IZE THE UNIQUE COINCIDENCE OF PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS WHICH
HISTORICALLY BIND OUR TWO COUNTRIES TOGETHER? IN THE
UPCOMING PERIOD COVERED BY THIS PARM REVIEW, WE WILL WANT TO
TAKE PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE OF THIS NATURAL ALLIANCE TO GAIN

COSTA RICAN ASSISTANCE IN FOSTERING OUR INTERNATIONAL GOAL OF PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. COSTA RICA CAN BE OF PARTICULAR HELP WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE. HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE HER TO PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS AREA?

3. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SHOULD CONTINUE EXAMINING THE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS OF US RESPONSES TO COSTA RICA'S PRIORITY GOAL OF INCREASING ACCESS TO U.S. MARKETS. WILL SUCH PROGRESS AS IS LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION PROVIDE SUFFICIENT MEANS FOR BEING RESPONSIVE? SHOULD WE ALSO BE EXAMINING BILATERAL MECHANISMS WHICH RESPOND DIRECTLY TO COSTA RICAN DEMANDS? CAN WE USE A POSSIBLE MEDIUM INCOME A.I.D. STRATEGY TO PROMOTE THIS OBJECTIVE?

4. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A PLEA FOR BREVITY. YOUR WASHINGTON READERSHIP IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON A STREAMLINED, COMPACT DOCUMENT.
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